maternity benefit, leave and gratuity to the sweepers and scavengers working in the major and minor town municipalities in the State; if so, what are the orders passed thereon;

(*d*) (i) have any schemes been adopted by the city and major town municipalities in the State to provide proper housing accommodation to the sweepers and scavengers; (ii) if so, by which municipalities?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) The Bangalore City Municipal Council have resolved that the following concessions be granted to the sweepers and scavengers of the municipality:—

(1) One day's privilege leave on full pay for each month of active service and not exceeding 12 days in a year.

(2) Fifteen days' sick leave on full pay in the case of persons who have no privilege leave at their credit. Sick leave may be extended up to one month on full pay on the certificate of the Health Officer or the Medical Officer of the Hospital where the person is an in-patient.

(3) Maternity leave to women sweepers for six weeks on full pay.

(4) Gratuity or bonus to persons who retire or die after having put in more than 15 years of approved service at the following rates:

1. From 15 to 25 years of service.

One-third of a month's salary for each year of active service.

2. From 25 years upwards.

Half a month's salary for each year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 150 (to be paid in instalments).

(*b*) and (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) (i) Yes.

(ii) 1. Bangalore City Municipality.
2. Mysore City Municipality.
3. Thyamagondlu.
4. Vadigenahalli.
5. Sira.
6. Tiptur.
7. Hassan.
8. Arsikere.
9. Holenarsipur.
10. Saklespur.
11. Chennarayapatna.
12. Alur.
13. Sravanabelagola.
14. Belur.
15. Bhadravati.
16. Shimoga.
17. Sagar.
18. Chikmagalur.
19. Chamarajanagar.
20. Nagamangala.
21. Heggadadevankote.
22. Mandya.
23. Hunsur.
24. Melkote.
25. Gundlupet.
26. Agaramamballi.
27. Krishnarajanagara.
28. Nanjangud.
29. T.-Narsipur.
30. Saragur.

Mr. T. RAMACHANDRA.—With reference to answer (*a*), why is it that the recommendation of the Bangalore City Municipality has not yet been sanctioned by the Government even though it was sent about one year back?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rau).—The financial implications of the question are being examined.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—With reference to answer (*a*), is privilege leave of 12 days for a year adequate?

Mr. N. MADHAVA RAU.—It is on the recommendation of the Bangalore City Municipal Council that all these things are done. You can move that body to increase the leave concessions.

Working of Co-operative Societies.

Q.—57. **Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENGAR** (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the percentage of overdues to demand in—

(i) Central Co-operative Societies;

(ii) Agricultural Co-operative Societies; and

(iii) Non-Agricultural Co-operative Societies;

or the last ten years;

(*b*) what are the steps taken or roposed to be taken by the Department f Co-operation to arrest the alarming rowth of overdues?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

(*a*) A statement is furnished. *Vide* Appendix).

(*b*) All the action provided for by he law and practicable in the present ircumstances has been and is being aken.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENAR.—What is the reason for the large ercentage of overdues?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Economic depression, possibly.

Mr. M. A. GOPALASWAMI IYENAR.—Have any steps been taken to ind out the exact cause?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I understand that he Apex Bank has made some investigation. If that is continued and a ecommendation is sent up to Governnent, it will be considered.

Coffee Curing Works at Chikmagalur.

Q.—58. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA ETTY (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to tate:—

(*a*) whether the coffee planters ave applied to Government for inancial help for starting Coffee Curing Works at Chikmagalur;

(*b*) for how long has the matter een pending?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question has been under consideration for about one year.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—With reference to answer (*b*), was not a representation made more than one year ago?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Not to my knowledge. About the scheme for the establishment of coffee curing works, Government have requested the Deputy Commissioner to ascertain and report whether the scheme has the support of the coffee planters of Chikmagalur, how many shares they might be expected to take and to what extent they would give the necessary undertaking to send their coffee for curing.

Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY.—We sent the required information to the Deputy Commissioner about six months back. Will the question be taken up as soon as a report is received from the Deputy Commissioner?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Loans to Coffee Planters.

Q.—59. Mr. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the matter of distribution of the three lakhs of rupees sanctioned for the purpose of giving help to coffee planters, loans are to be granted on the security of property, crops, personal surety and other kinds of properties;

(*b*) out of the sanctioned amount, to whom have loans been granted and in what districts (details about the names to be kindly furnished);

(*c*) what is the monthly cost of the special establishment, if any, employed for this purpose;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that West Coast firms and others are advancing money on the security of mere crops?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesava. iengar).—

(*a*) The loans are granted on the security of the land itself, the crop thereon and such further collateral security as may be considered necessary to ensure timely recovery of the loan.

(*b*) A statement furnishing the information is appended. (*Vide* Appendix.)